



## Gary A. Pettigrew

December 6, 1952 - November 24, 2024

Gary Alvin Pettigrew passed away peacefully Sunday night at his home in Benicia, following several years of failing health. He was born in Los Angeles to Robert and Helen Pettigrew but has called Benicia his home since he was 18 months old. Gary graduated from Benicia High School in 1971 and always thought back on high school as some of the happiest years of his life. Aside from a few brief stints spent elsewhere in California, Gary was a “Benicia boy” through and through. One of his favorite nostalgic pastimes was to “drag Main”.

Gary played both football and baseball in high school and semi-pro baseball in southern California after graduation. He married Susan Oller in 1976, becoming an instant father to Melissa; their daughter Carrie was born in 1977. In early adulthood, he loved to hunt with his dogs Simon and Beau and to fish for sturgeon in the Carquinez Strait. He loved to go camping and hunting and enjoyed playing golf for many years with his brothers Louie and Bill DiAngelo and his brother-in-law Jerry Porter. He worked for almost 30 years as a boilermaker for Chevron Refinery in Richmond before retiring in 2004.

After reuniting with high school sweetheart Lynn, they were married in 2017. Since then, the greatest joy in their life was simply being home together. They were fond of their monthly family card game with Gary's sister Dorothy Patchell and her husband Bill as well as sisters-in-law Gale and Sue

DiAngelo. Gary was an avid fan of both the 49ers and Giants. One recent outing they really got a kick out of was attending a 2023 NFC playoff game where the Niners beat the Dallas Cowboys.

He found simple pleasure in his daily routine: watching reruns of Gunsmoke, tackling the daily crossword puzzle, continuing the tradition of dragging Main and relaxing on the pier off First Street.

Gary is survived by his wife Lynn Pettigrew; daughters Carrie (Dave) Wenslawski and Melissa Moore-Pettigrew; and granddaughters Jocelyn and Kaitlin Wenslawski, Marcella Ramos and Taneaia Cooper. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Pettigrew; brothers Louie and Bill DiAngelo; and sister Dorothy Patchell.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 4th from 4-6 p.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 5th, also at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be private. Please visit the online tribute at [www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com](http://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel  
901 W Second Street  
Benicia, CA 94510  
(707) 745-3130  
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com  
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## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *I'm very grateful that Gary and my mom were able to enjoy such companionship in their later years together.* ”

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**Marisa Coleman** - December 09, 2024 at 07:03 PM

LS

“ *Love, Jill Scicluna purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary A. Pettigrew.* ”



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**Love, Jill Scicluna** - December 04, 2024 at 12:15 PM



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**Passalacqua Funeral Chapel** - December 03, 2024 at 04:25 PM

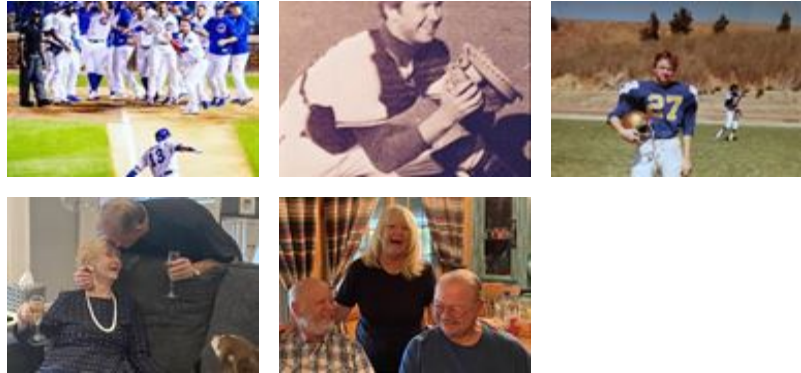
NL

*You both look so happy! Love this!*

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**Nancy Lewis** - December 05, 2024 at 12:43 AM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - December 02, 2024 at 06:18 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - December 02, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ Debra, Sandra, Denise, Michele and Donna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary A. Pettigrew.

Debra, Sandra, Denise, Michele and Donna - November 29, 2024 at 06:31 PM

DD

“ *Debra, Sandra, Denise, Michele and Donna purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gary A. Pettigrew.*



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**Debra, Sandra, Denise, Michele and Donna** - November 29, 2024 at 06:31 PM

RW

“ *Rene' Webb purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary A. Pettigrew.*



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**Rene' Webb** - November 28, 2024 at 02:41 PM

DW

“ *My sincerest condolences to Lynn and family. May God speed your healing. ❤️ Gary is with the 😇s.*

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**Deborah Wagner** - November 27, 2024 at 11:25 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Wagner lit a candle in memory of Gary Pettigrew*



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**Deborah Wagner** - November 27, 2024 at 11:22 PM

DW

“ I met Gary back in Grammer schools days. We became sweethearts until high school. U "Young Love". High School started and we separated but remained good friends. There was always a big hug when we ran into each other as adults. I will always remember his smiles, they were infectious. RIP my dear sweet friend.

*Debby Wagner*

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**Deborah Wagner** - November 27, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary A. Pettigrew.



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November 27, 2024 at 07:30 PM

FM

“ FromLinda, Lindie, Laurie marshall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary A. Pettigrew.



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**FromLinda, Lindie, Laurie marshall** - November 27, 2024 at 02:13 PM

FM

“ FromLinda, Lindie, Laurie marshall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary A. Pettigrew.

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**FromLinda, Lindie, Laurie marshall** - November 27, 2024 at 02:13 PM

MI

“ *mike lit a candle in memory of Gary Pettigrew* ”



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**mike** - November 26, 2024 at 11:00 PM